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PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach does this violate any understanding that you had with Senator Cope?

SPEAKER BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This does not violate an understanding that Senator DeCamp and I had on this issue. I...did hear from Senator Cope on last Friday and he suggested that we proceed with the bill because he did not know when he would be able to return. On Monday or Tuesday he came to the Chair when I was presiding and said that he did not want to discuss on Wednesday but Thursday was agreeable with him. However he is not here and if he is here Monday or not here Monday he has indicated to me that the body can make its decision without his presence. I would suggest that we follow Senator DeCamp's procedure now, and I will replace the issue on the agenda for Monday whether Senator Cope is here or not. I'm sure that this is in agreement with him. I do want to check with him once more before we discuss the bill further as Senator DeCamp has indicated.

PRESIDENT: Alright, so there is a motion before us to reconsider this matter without debate. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I rise for a question of clarification in terms of alternatives for the Chair to provide a little leadership for the body in terms of what happens. First I would pose to the Chair, what happens if Senator DeCamp's motion does not prevail?

PRESIDENT: Then the body shall not reconsider its action. The bill goes immediately back to the Governor. That is my understanding.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: So the choices are that....I'm not debating the issue.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp may get up and tell you his view of the choices and then we are off and running.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Let me ask the Chair a question, and I'll try to do that without any emotionalism in my voice. If, we do not vote to return the bill it immediately goes to the Governor. If we do it goes back on Final Reading.

PRESIDENT: Yes, then it is subject, I would assume, to a motion to return to Select File for a specific amendment. At least you can reconsider it. The question before us then is shall this Legislature reconsider its action in the passing of this bill on Final Reading. Record your vote. Please vote. Have you all voted? Well there are both Senator DeCamp and Senator Mills asking for recognition. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I was just going to ask for a....how many are here now?

PRESIDENT: How many are excused? Four are excused.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Which are the four that are excused?

PRESIDENT: Senator Anderson and Senator Cope are two and Senator Skarda and Senator Kremer. Make your motion, Senator.